

REMARKS

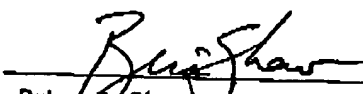
With respect to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action of June 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Specifically, the Examiner asserts that "in the instant case the product as claims can be made by a materially different process such as chemically roughening the surface." [Paper 06152005, Page 2]

Applicant notes independent method Claim 50 recites, "surface treating at least one selected area of a particulated matrix." It appears the Examiner's recitation of chemically roughening the surface would be encompassed by the recited surface treating and thus, the product, as claimed, is not made by a materially different process. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the restriction requirement to be withdrawn and consideration of all the pending claims, Claims 1 - 57, be made.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1 - 49.

Respectfully submitted,



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